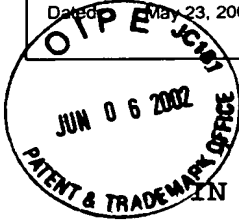


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 13-24 as follows:

13. (New) A data processing apparatus for recording data to, or reproducing data from, a memory device, the apparatus comprising:

a controller; and

a virtual memory;

wherein the recording of the data to, or reproduction of the data from, the memory device is conditioned upon the establishment of a mutual authentication between the controller

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